

Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee

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The Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, met Thursday, August 11, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in conference room LL-F of the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was published August 1, 2005 in the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Michael Overton. The following members were **present**: Jean Brazda, Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit; Sharee Jacobs, Sarpy County Sheriffs Department; John Prince, Sarpy County I.S., Melanie Koch for Michael Thurber, Lancaster County Correctional Department; Michael Overton, NE Crime Commission; Steve Schafer, DAS; Ron Bowmaster, IDSD/NIDCAC; Scott McFall for John Shelton, Nebraska State Patrol; Gregg Magee, Nebraska Sheriff's Association; George Wells, NE Department of Correctional Services; Mike Behm, NE Crime Commission; and Ron Riethmuller, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

The following members were **absent**: Barb Nielsen, State Court Administrators Office; Byron Patterson, Police Officers' Association of NE; Ed Ragatz, Lincoln Police Department; Lash Chaffin, League of NE Municipalities; Scott Ford, PCAN; Mike Gomez, NE Parole Board; Joe Franco, Omaha Police Department; Bill Howland, NE Attorney General's Office; Dennis Keefe, Lancaster County Public Defender; Terry Lane, DOT Comm; Elaine Menzel, NE Association of County Officials; Sarah O'Shea, NE Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition; Glenn Ogg, HHSS, Protection and Safety; Lee Polikov, Sarpy County Attorney; Mary Tyner, NE Coalition for Victims of Crime; Marlene Vetick, Clerk of District Courts; and Steve Worster, Commission on Public Advocacy.

Also present were: Bob Grant, Department of Roads; Sherri Haber, HHSS Office of Protection and Safety; Corey Cashmere, Matthew Dicke, Monica Miles-Steffens, and Linda Rohn NE Crime Commission.

INTRODUCTIONS

The NE Crime Commission's new executive director Mike Behm was introduced and welcomed to the CJIS Advisory Committee meeting as was new administrative assistant Linda Rohn. Advisory Committee members were asked to sign in and provide their e-mail addresses for future electronic communications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

A motion was made by Magee and seconded by Bowmaster to approve the minutes of the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee meeting of May 12, 2005. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

PROJECT UPDATES

Overton provided an overview of current funding issues. He stated that NCHIP was tenuous because of the funding structure and that the National Governors' Association (NGA) grants were coming to an end. Byrne funds, in particular, with the 5 percent set aside earmarked for IT and integration, were also being affected. Overton explained the federal government changed from Byrne to local JAG combining and decreasing some of the funding. The current amount for JAG is less overall with no 5 percent set aside. The Commission has conducted surveys and held meetings asking what is most important. Task forces and CJIS were identified as important issues. Reiterating that funding is tenuous, Overton continued that with the zeroing out of funds, what will happen next year is not known. The Governor's Office will continue to be made aware of funding concerns.

JUSTICE—Overton noted that the courts were unable to be in attendance.

Victim Notification/VINE, VINE Enhancement Grant—With funding through state appropriations through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, VINE continues to operate well. New VINE registrations went from an average of 120 to about 180 per month, an increase of 50 percent in one year. Looking at the 2005 numbers, there has been significant activity with good feedback as reported to Overton by Jennifer (Tomerley) Kirkpatrick, Federal Aid Administrator (Victims). VINE Notification went live in May of 1999. A new grant program for enhancements was issued by DOJ. An application for about \$250,000 was submitted to do enhancements as well as reaching out to advocates. These include expansion of languages (e.g., Vietnamese); transfer process improvement to help jails; improvement of court schedules (Lancaster County) and working with JUSTICE and Douglas County. With regard to VINE notifications, the biggest problem being encountered is that people are not canceling their registrations and continue to receive a charge to their cell phone. Handled on a case-by-case basis, contractors are being asked to override based on validation from the sheriff, on letterhead, etc. Validation from the local communities will be forthcoming the end of the month.

NCJIS—Department of Labor, Douglas County District Court, HHSS-NFOCUS/ward data, NCJIS/NeLEIS, HIDA--Overton reported that new hardware had been purchased and is being implemented since two servers had gone off warranty the end of last year. Updates are being made with pushed up access to the Department of Labor enabling them to access benefits and wage files as well as looking at everyone who works at particular employment. The Department of Labor is pleased with the impact on their workload.

Douglas County District Court submitted their memorandum of understanding with hopes to go live in the near future. HHSS-NFOCUS is providing current ward data with Omaha JABG working on using correct terminology. A data set is being established for social workers with reports on abuse and neglect available on NCJIS. NGA XML Initiative: HHSS/Law Enforcement parallels this, and the use of NGA grants to reinforce what is being done and preventing duplication will continue to be explored. Work continues with the Nebraska State Patrol, NCJIS/NeLEIS (trained subset) so that if there is a hit on one, there will be a hit on the other functionality.

Overton reported on the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) group comprised of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Montana is considering developing a portal similar to NCJIS. HIDTA is receptive to welcoming Nebraska into the group. Group data sharing, especially sharing data with the two neighboring states of Colorado and Wyoming would be advantages of joining RM-HIDTA. Target plans are to have something up in one year.

NCJIS is providing more training sessions with plans to offer training in Scottsbluff. A request had been received from the State of Iowa for accessing driver's license and Wyoming has plans to bring in users as well.

LOCAL APPLICATION PROJECTS

Corey Cashmere presented an update on local application projects.

Sleuth—is being interfaced with JAMIN as part of the new Sleuth update with 64 local jail testings being evaluated. Sleuth is also locked in to the CJIS conference for 2006. Cashmere continued that new Sleuth installations were planned for this fall at the University of Nebraska Kearney Police Department, Logan County Sheriff's Office, Perkins County Sheriff's Office, and Madison Police Department.

JAMIN—Text&Data is charging \$500 to install an interface to Sleuth. The Sleuth interface with automated photo dumps is being implemented.

Case Management System (CMS)--Cashmere continued that court interface to the case management went a lot smoother than in earlier installations. Adams, Cass and Lincoln are using CMS for court filings.

EasyStreet Draw—The maintenance bill for EasyStreet Draw had been paid. The Department of Roads is using the program for accident reporting and for a Department of Transportation grant on impaired driving.

TraCS/e-Citation--NSP—Moving forward with e-Citation, ten agencies have been contracted with and provided funds to purchase hardware. This first round of \$500,000 in contracts was for both TraCS/e-Citation and Sleuth. The announcement for the next round of funding will not be made until an assessment can be made of the initial funding awards. A Sleuth pilot is being conducted in Madison County with the initial install having been completed. A great response has been received from LaVista. The North Platte carrier enforcement site has also been using TraCS/e-Citation as has the Hebron scale site. Around 2,000 tickets have been issued since

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beginning e-Citation with 25 percent issued by TraCS within carrier enforcement. Scott McFall commented the next phase was to put e-Citation in carrier mobiles.

PCH, NCHIP, Sexual Offender Registry, NeLEIS, Protection Order Registry--Scott McFall reported on the new website. An AFIS-RFP was posted recently. He continued that the PCH upgrade was well on target for February.

ELECTRONIC FILE MANAGER (EFM)--Ron Bowmaster reported on EFM for courts. A new version of global compliance validation with the courts as basic user is ready to interface.

GJXDM/JEIM (JIEM)—Corey Cashmere reported on the Global XML initiatives with emphasis on learning implementation, establishing a common set of tools, extensions of models, information exchanges, and documentation packets going out to users. Creating a subschema is the goal. A meeting was held to discuss priorities, working technical teams to insure collaboration, develop implantation plans, use of elements and extensions, IEPD information, Exchange Package Documentation with a general base of support. At the JIEM meeting, accounts were set up documenting current CJXDM projects. The use of the public NCJIS website as a common repository for materials was discussed. Lancaster County is interested in doing work in this area. Current GJXDM Projects include: Citations, jail bookings, SLEUTH to CMS, PCH message switch with Nebraska State Patrol, AFIS switch with NSP, and child abuse reporting to IMS. Overton commented that this all ties in through Community Corrections Council providing data support. Discussion continued on observing HIPPA guidelines in collecting and sharing data. Emphasis was placed on first working with criminal justice entities and then extend to more of the state.

JUVENILE DATA SHARING

Strategic Plan Update--Overton explained the draft plan does not approach another structure like NITC. He continued the plan brought together a number of players to share information on juveniles. CJIS and state government need to address HHSS to improve funding for juveniles. The struggle is in how to gain momentum, get to the correct people with highest visibility, and implement an overarching governance. Schafer commented on the need to regenerate interest, a way to approach it with a planning effort to make people aware. Overton stated that putting forth an effort to ITC or some other structure would be one way.

Schafer stated that one way to approach it was to continue with the planning effort and make people aware of the potential.

Juvenile Data Portal— The juvenile data portal is ready to go live with plans to train Child Advocacy in September including court data, protection orders, warrants, jail bookings, and limited probation information.

NGA XML Initiative: HHSS/Law Enforcement—Schafer gave an update highlighting the initiative. Discussions with HHSS focus on how to route the data and whether or not NCJIS will provide an option. Plans were to keep moving ahead with the initiative.

2006 CJIS TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Cashmere reported a contract had been signed with the New World Inn in Columbus. Dates for the 2006 conference are February 22-23 piggybacking with Case Management Sleuth February 20-21. He stated they are seeking local representatives from Columbus, soliciting local vendors, and welcoming ideas for the pre-conference agenda, conference agenda items, CMS and Sleuth conferences and speakers. Pre-conference workshops will include: security, CJIS and mapping mobile data, and juvenile issues. A one-hour social is being sponsored by the hotel with good rates. Last year's conference was very well received and attended by more than 200 people. Overton revealed the conference was not going to cost anything, so it was not necessary to charge people to attend. Volunteers were solicited to assist the conference planning committee of Ron Riethmuller, Dave Wegner, Rod Warner, Corey Cashmere and Michael Overton.

OTHER BUSINESS

Membership on the CJIS Advisory Committee by the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association (NCAMA)) was discussed. Overton offered that the board of NCAMA was still in a state of limbo needing to stabilize before being asked to join the CJIS Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the CJIS Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next tentatively scheduled meeting for CJIS is *Thursday, November 3, 2005, at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room F, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.*

Respectfully submitted,

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